



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT "A"

APPLICANTS: Wolfgang Thiel CONFIRMATION NO.: 1989
SERIAL NO.: 09/527,138 GROUP ART UNIT: 3629
FILED: March 16, 2000 EXAMINER: R. S. Woo
TITLE: "METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENTERING
CONTENTS OF A FRANKING IMPRINT INTO A POSTAGE
METER MACHINE"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002, Applicant herewith amends the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for entering contents of a franking imprint into a postage meter machine, said postage meter machine having an electronic, digitally operating printer and said contents being employed for printing said franking imprint with said printer, said method comprising the steps of:

storing a set of data in a non-volatile, non-removable memory of said postage meter machine by permanently programming said additional data at a manufacturing location, said data being selected from the group consisting of different country-specific data and different carrier-specific data;

installing a data communication interface in said postage meter machine; and

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | (6) RATE | (7) ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | * 9 | MINUS | ** 20 | X | () X 9.00 () X 18.00 | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | * 2 | MINUS | | X | () X 40.00 () X 80.00 | |
| Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for. | | | | () YES () NO | () \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | \$0.00 | |

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

- ☐ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated ____ for ____ months so that the period for response is extended to _____. A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.
- ☐ A check for \$_____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
- ☐ A check for \$_____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning re this application, please call (312) 258-5500.

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October 29, 2002

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